

CITY OF HAYWARD

AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE	<u>05/28/02</u>
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TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Approval of Safe Routes to Schools Application

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing staff to submit an application to the Safe Routes to Schools Program.

BACKGROUND:

The goal of the Safe Routes to Schools Program, as the name indicates, is to demonstrate and evaluate the effectiveness of establishing safe routes to schools. The program was originally scheduled to sunset in January 2002, but has been extended to 2005. Approximately \$20 million statewide will be available in this the third round. Applications for this cycle are due May 31, 2002.

This source of funds is highly competitive. Approximately one in seven applications were funded in the last cycle. Accordingly, the City has not been successful in either cycle of funds, to date.

Last year, the City submitted two projects for funding consideration, neither of which was funded:

1. Improvements to Huntwood-Schafer Intersection – Estimated Cost - \$500,000

This project was the City's first priority and included installation of a traffic signal at the Huntwood-Schafer intersection, as well as sidewalks, landscaped medians, and railroad crossing arms for pedestrians.

2. Sidewalk Repairs at Various Schools – Estimated Cost - \$500,000

This project, which was the City's second priority, would have repaired sidewalks at various schools throughout the City, primarily elementary schools. This project scored slightly higher than the Huntwood-Schafer project.

Subsequent to the release of the scoring, staff discussed the applications with Caltrans staff and learned that, although the review team liked the sidewalk project, applications for new sidewalks score higher than those that focus on repair of existing sidewalks. In addition, although this is not stated as a criterion, projects that addressed needs at elementary schools tended to score higher than other projects.

DISCUSSION:

The Safe Routes to Schools program is a "reimbursement" program. The reimbursement ratio for all projects will be 90 percent (maximum) with the local agency providing a ten percent (minimum) local match. The maximum reimbursement amount for any project is \$450,000. Projects that address specific pedestrian, bicycle and/or safety problems are eligible for funding. Such projects include new or upgraded traffic signals, pavement markings, new or improved bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and turning lanes.

After staff review of successful applications and following discussions with Caltrans staff, staff recommends that the Huntwood-Schafer project not be re-submitted for consideration and that the application for sidewalk repair be re-submitted as an application for new sidewalks. Staff further recommends that this be the only project submitted in the third round.

Construct Sidewalks on Baumberg Avenue Approaching Lorin Eden Elementary School - Estimated Cost: \$453,000

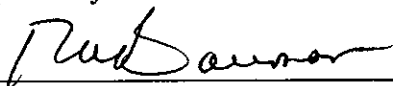
Grant Request:	\$407,700
City Match:	\$45,300

Staff has inventoried the various elementary schools for missing sidewalks and has determined that the installation of new sidewalks on Baumberg Avenue, approaching the Lorin Eden Elementary School, should be the City's first priority. Currently, there are no sidewalks in this area and, therefore, no safe pathway from the south for children to walk to school. The lack of sidewalks on this street forces children to walk in the mud on rainy days or, during severe weather, to walk in the street.

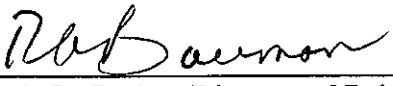
Local jurisdictions are required to provide a 10 percent match of the total project costs. Since the estimated total project cost is \$453,000, the City's required match is \$45,300. If we were successful in obtaining the grant, Measure B Bicycle and Pedestrian funds would be available for the local match.

Caltrans estimates that a decision regarding the funded projects will be made in the fall.

Prepared by:


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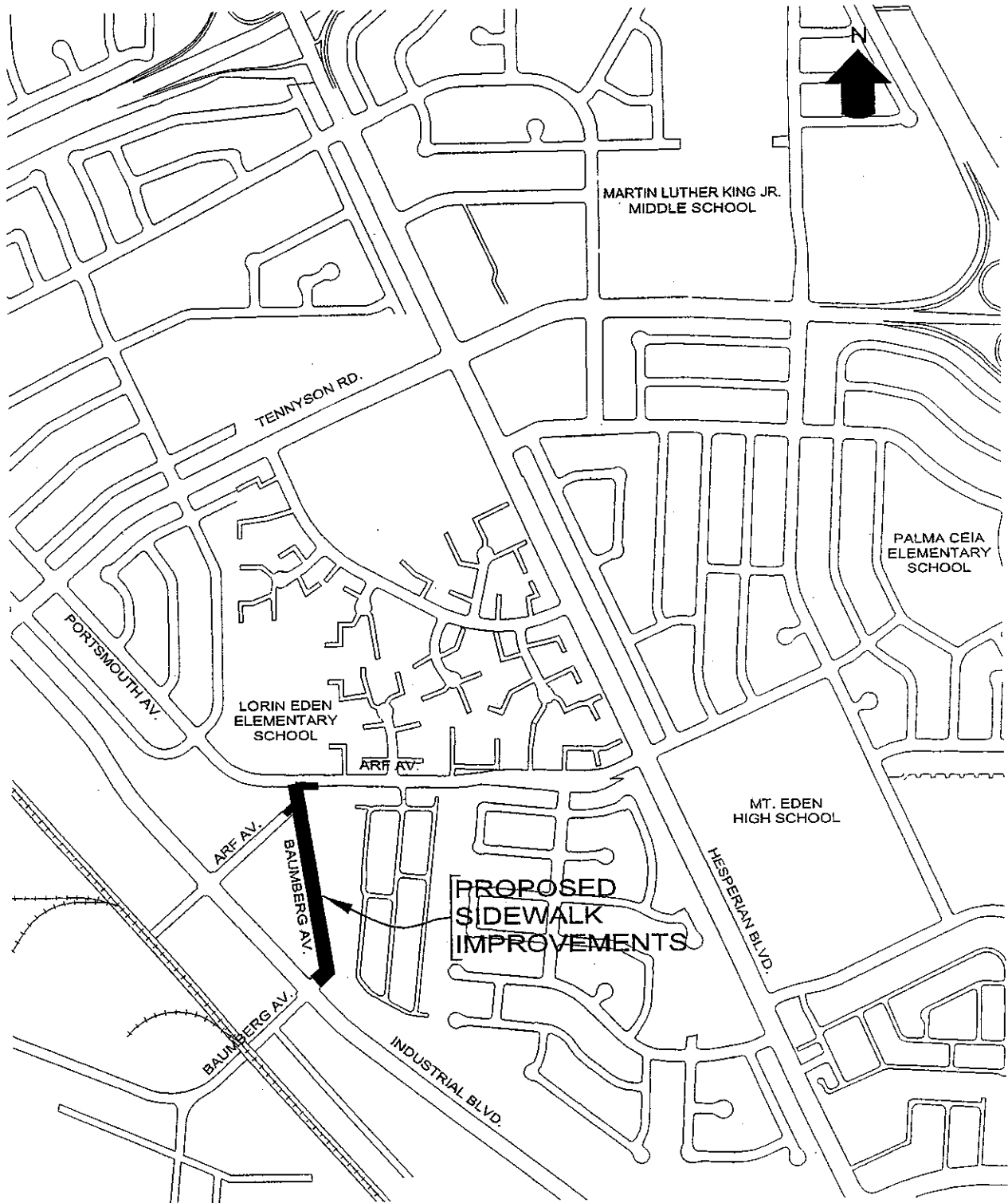
Recommended by:


FD Dennis L. Butler, Director of Public Works

Approved by:


Jesús Armas, City Manager

Exhibits: Exhibit A: Area Map



**BAUMBERG AVENUE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS
INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD TO ARF AVENUE
LOCATION MAP**

Exhibit A

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HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Introduced by Council Member _____

5/23/02
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT
FUND APPLICATION TO THE SAFE ROUTES TO
SCHOOLS PROGRAM; COMMITTING TO PROVIDE THE
REQUIRED TEN PERCENT PROJECT MATCHING FUNDS;
AND AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE
DOCUMENTS**

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2000, AB 1475 became effective and redirects approximately one-third of the annual Federal Highway Administration safety funds from railroad grade crossings to the "Safe Routes to Schools" Program; and

WHEREAS, last year, the City of Hayward submitted two projects for funding consideration, neither of which was funded; and

WHEREAS, written applications for a third round of funding are now being accepted (due May 31, 2002) for projects that address specific pedestrian, bicycle and/or safety problems; and

WHEREAS, approximately \$20 million statewide will be available in the third round and the maximum grant funds that may be awarded to any project is \$450,000. In addition, local jurisdictions will be required to provide a (minimum) 10 percent match of the total project cost; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends the City submit a "Safe Routes to Schools" application for construction of new sidewalks on Baumberg Avenue approaching Lorin Eden Elementary School (at an estimated cost of \$453,000); and

WHEREAS, based on the estimated total project cost, the grant request will be \$407,700 and the City's required match will be \$45,300.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hayward hereby authorizes staff to submit an application to the third round of the "Safe Routes to Schools" Program for construction of new sidewalks on Baumberg Avenue approaching Lorin Eden Elementary School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Hayward commits to providing the required ten percent project matching funds if the grant application is approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized and empowered to execute in the name of the City of Hayward all necessary application documents for the purposes of securing grant funds and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the grant application, in a form to be approved by the City Attorney.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 2002

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward